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In Re the Application of:

Alexander Michael Chagovetz

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For: METHODS FOR REAL-TIME DETECTION AND QUANTIFICATION OF NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES USING FLUORESCENT PRIMERS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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REQUEST FOR 4 MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

PATENT APPLICATION

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HOLME ROBERTS COWEN LLP

Applicant, through his attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) of four (4) months to respond to the Notice top File Corrected Application Papers mailed on August 21, 2001, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from first deadline October 21, 2001, to February 21, 2002.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$720.00 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2665.

Respectfully submitted, HOLME ROBERTS & OWEN LLP

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